



STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

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Otter Creek Church of Christ, Brentwood, TN

April 22, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendee List:

Susan Adams
Sandra Allen
Sumita Banerjee
Louise Barnes
Susanne Bennett
Shawn Brooks
Charlotte Bryson
Edwina Chappell
Julie Coffey
Michelle Covington
Sita Diehl
Katrina Donaldson
Carol Dunaway
Bob Duncan
Richard Edgar
Emel Eff
Bruce Emery
Laura Fair
Nneka Gordon

Kathy Gracey
Sharon Green
Stephanie Guthrie
Cheri Hoffman
Jennifer Houston
E. Ann Ingram
Jeanne James
Angie McKinney Jones
Dustin Keller
Richard Kennedy
Rachel Krauss
Kim Crane Mallory
Emma Martin
James Martin
Marlin Medlin
Jena Napier
Linda O'Neal
Freida Outlaw
Cindy Perry

Steve Petty
Kathy Rogers
Mary Rolando
John Rust
Mary Linden Salter
Traci Sampson
Debrah Stafford
Susan Steckel
Millie Sweeney
Angie Thompson
Pat Wade
Tami Walker
Heather Wallace
Gregory Washington
Pam White
Ellyn Wilbur
Mark Wolf
Christina Kloker Young

Welcome and Introductions (Dr. Freida Outlaw and Linda O'Neal)

- Linda O'Neal, CCMH Co-Chair, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
 - Explained Commissioner Betts could not be here and expressed her gratitude to Dr. Freida Outlaw for Co-Chairing the meeting. She thanked TDMHDD for their

work on the Council and Dr. Outlaw for her work on the Sunset Legislation. O'Neal also shared bullying article in the Tennessean written by Dr. Outlaw.

- Reminded participants about the extremely rough draft of the report emailed to the CCMH list.
- Thanked Pam White for sponsoring our meeting space at Otter Creek

Acceptance of Meeting Summary for 2/25/10 CCMH Meetings (O'Neal)

- Thanked Sumita Banerjee (TCCY) for her work on the meeting summary from 02/25/2010.
- February 25, 2010 Meeting Summary Acceptance (**ROLANDO MOTION, BRYSON SECOND, UNANIMOUS**).
- Reminded participants about receiving the recent steering committee summary and encouraged participants to review this summary and stay abreast of the work of the CCMH.

Legislative Update (O'Neal)

- Reviewed Sunset legislation extending CCMH to 2014. O'Neal described the process as a group effort and especially thanked Dr. Outlaw and Debrah Stafford with the Commission for meeting with legislators. She also explained legislation passed the House with no amendments and passed Senate Government Operations Committee with some amendments.
 - O'Neal described the amendments being placed on most Health Related Boards and Commissions restricting their membership. She explained this includes: lobbyists may not represent an entity related to the board for a year prior to, during and a year after their service; all members must be residents of Tennessee; and the Governor may appoint whomever he/she chooses versus mandating the selection from a list supplied by specified organizations. She also stated these amendments have a greater affect on other boards and commissions. O'Neal anticipated the Sunset legislation would pass in some form. However, if the legislation did not pass, CCMH would still be operational and in statute for another year in what is called a "wind down" period.
- Discussed other legislation relevant to members of the CCMH:
 - O'Neal discussed legislation creating a juvenile sex offender registry still pending "behind the Budget" in the House and in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Judiciary Committee will revisit this legislation next Tuesday and some version will likely pass. The Senate version is potentially more amenable than the House version. The current House version places children on the registry who are deemed by mental health professionals at risk of repeating the sexual offense. Many points are still under discussion, including the reportable offenses and

removal from the registry. One option is removal from the registry at age 19 after the case has been reviewed by TBI.

- O'Neal also mentioned the equal parenting bill failed in the House Calendar and Rules Committee.
- Sita Diehl discussed pending legislation restricting licenses for teachers having been psychiatrically hospitalized or deemed in immediate need of psychiatric hospitalization. The legislation was referred to a summer study committee.
- Dr. Outlaw explained TDMHDD would work very hard to get something reasonable out of this study.
- O'Neal explained TCCY is also very concerned about this legislation.

Council Draft Report Discussion (Dustin Keller and Mary Rolando)

- Refer to the "Draft July 2010 Report."
- O'Neal asked participants to consider if the larger tables should be moved to the appendices instead of being in the body of the text.
- Keller thanked Rolando for her work in the past and on this report. He reviewed the draft and explained this report should lay a foundation to move to the next report in 2012. This will allow the Council time to review and test options.
- Rolando described her efforts as a wonderful experience to contribute to this group and be a part of the work of this group. The technical assistance received from Sheila Pires [infrastructure models and governance] and John Lyons [CANS] has been included in the framework.
 - Rolando noted the framework of the report is intended to incorporate the work of the workgroups. She charged participants to review the suggested workgroup products and the intermediate objectives. Planning Units will then discuss their respective products for inclusion in the report. Workgroups could also note initiatives for future discussion.
- Keller reminded workgroups to complete the products of the group listed in the handout. Planning Units will do the same after lunch.

Workgroup Meetings for completion of products/recommendations.

LUNCH

Planning Unit Meetings for completion of products/recommendations.

Structured Feedback Discussion (O'Neal and Keller facilitating)

- Keller asked groups to report about one issue where groups either stalled or had great discussion.
- *Administration and Financing Unit*

- Governance was the main issue. What does it actually look like at the state, regional, and local level? How does it go up and down, what is the entity, stakeholders?
- The group made the following recommendations for consideration in the report:
 - Consider additional pilots not part of the federal funding for System of Care. Other local entities would allow CCMH to pilot funding methodologies to make informed recommendations.
 - GOCCC (or like entity) as the oversight entity. The entity needs to be legislatively authorized to enforce agreements between and among state agencies.
 - Use eligibility and screening criteria mandated by funding sources.
 - Propose use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) as the universal service planning and data collection tool.
 - The report should include a visual of the current system structure allowing legislators to compare the proposed graphic models.
 - Compare intake assessments in rural vs. metro settings.
- Other notable discussion points were mentioned:
 - At a future meeting, CCMH should walk a child and family through differing models to assess how the systems function.
 - Traci Sampson recommended inviting Bruce Strahl [National Technical Assistance expert on System of Care governance] to discuss governance with the CCMH. On a recent technical assistance call, he discussed the importance of ensuring the larger group makes the important decisions and not three or four people after a meeting.
 - The local community, including families and youth, have to design the local governance structure in order to take ownership.
- *Service Unit*
 - The group made the following recommendations for consideration in the report:
 - Demonstration sites:
 - The group suggested three possible selection criteria for demonstration sites:
 1. Sites currently federally funded or to support sustaining these sites;
 2. Areas building capacity like Northeast Tennessee, which support coordinated care without the requirement of additional funding; and
 3. Other high need areas based on poverty, lack of services and supports, disproportionate contact with juvenile justice or state custody.

- These sites will allow the group to discern what is effective and what is not.
- Workforce Development
 - The group discussed blending traditional and non-traditional formal supports.
 1. The group suggests traditional supports continue with the addition of informal supports in a culturally competent manner.
 2. The group also recommends appropriate compensation for traditional and non-traditional service staff.
 - The group recommends workforce training to begin in college and other vocational settings outside the classroom.
- Keller noted this report should lay the path moving forward. The recommendations in this report will become the Council's work over the next two years. Please continue to provide feedback over the next month for the report.

Discussion Plans for Future Meetings – (O'Neal)

- Steering Committee will meet in May.
- Please be sure to get your notes and recommendations to Dustin.

Other Business

- Children's Mental Health Awareness Day events in May

Next Meeting Date is June 24, 2010.